



LYME REGIS SAILING CLUB Ltd

Child Protection Policy and Procedures

Policy Statement

- The Club follows guidance from the RYA and adopts the principles of the current RYA Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Guidelines to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults taking part in boating from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying. ([Club and RYA Guidance and documentation](#) are available to read in the Club Office and on the Club website, with additional information on the RYA website).
- All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in Club activities do so in a safe environment.
- The Club recognises that the safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, irrespective of sex, age, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual identity or social status have a right to protection from abuse.
- For the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child.
- Many of the safeguarding principles in this policy also apply to ‘vulnerable adults’ or ‘adults at risk’ (Care Act 2014), but the statutory procedures to be followed in the case of a concern are different. The RYA provides specific guidance on safeguarding vulnerable adults.
- Safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children. All members of the Club should be aware of this policy.

In practice

- All Club staff and volunteers whose role brings them into regular contact with young people will be asked to provide information supporting their skills, experience and competence in their role. The Club Welfare Officer and those regularly instructing, coaching or supervising young people will also be asked to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure, with Barred List check as appropriate.
- The Club will provide appropriate information and training to ensure that it responds swiftly and appropriately to all complaints (see [RYA Policy flow charts](#) in Club Policy Book) and concerns about poor practice or suspected/actual child abuse by contacting the Club Welfare Officer (contact details listed below).
- All members of the Club should follow the Club ‘[Safeguarding Good Practice Guidelines](#)’ and agree to abide by the Club ‘[Code of Conduct](#)’ and the RYA Racing Charter contained in the [LRSC Ltd Sailing Instructions 2017](#). Those working or volunteering with young people should be aware of the RYA Guidance ‘[What is child abuse?](#)’
- Adults are requested not to enter the showers and changing rooms at times when children are changing before or after junior/youth training or racing. If this is unavoidable, it is advised that they do so whilst accompanied by another adult. The disabled toilet/shower

room may also be used as a family changing room. As the Club facilities are used by other organisations (i.e. Lyme Regis Sea School, members of the Boat Building Academy, non-Club sailors during events, visitors, etc.) parents should be aware that adult Club members and/or members of the public may be in the changing rooms.

- The Club will seek written consent from the child and their parents/carers before taking photos or video at an event or training session or publishing such images ([Parental Consent Form or Oppi Registration Form](#)). Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming. If the Club publishes images of children, no identifying information other than names will be included. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer. Lyme Regis Sailing Club Ltd uses its website www.lymeregissailingclub.co.uk and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lymeregissailingclub/> to communicate and share news with members. This may include images.
- All youth members, children and vulnerable adults must wear personal buoyancy at all times when on the water and should wear wetsuits or dry suits, which are recommended throughout the year and compulsory between the 1st November and the 30th April (see rules 18.1 and 18.3 [LRSC Ltd Sailing Instructions 2016](#)).
- All youth members, children and vulnerable adults (or parents or guardians on their behalf) must 'sign in and sign out' to indicate they have returned to shore (see rules 3.2, 3.4, 19.3 [LRSC Ltd Sailing Instructions 2016](#)).
- Any member of the Club or visitor failing to comply with the Child Protection Policy and Procedures and any relevant codes of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action under Club rules (see [LRSC Ltd Club Rules 2012 No. 9](#)).

Concerns

Anyone who is concerned about a young member's or participant's welfare, either outside the sport or within the Club, should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately, in strict confidence. The Club Welfare Officer will follow the RYA Flowcharts 1 and 2 (held in the Club room).

Club Welfare Officer

The Club Welfare Officer is: **(Mrs) Helen Rook**

Home: 01460 242553

Mobile: 07808889845

(see 'Safe and Fun' posters in the Club)

Email: hfrook@btinternet.com

RYA designated person

The RYA's Safeguarding and Equality Manager is Jackie Reid:

Tel: 023 8060 4104

E-mail: safeguarding@rya.org.uk

If Jackie Reid is unavailable and the matter is urgent, contact: Jackie Bennetts, RYA Club Support Advisor:

Tel: 023 8060 4199

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